

NATIONAL ASSEMBLY

FOR WRITTEN REPLY QUESTION 877

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Mr J P I Blanché to ask the Minister of Education:

What was the teacher/learner ratio at each of the 13 schools identified by her department (list attached) as having a zero matric pass rate in each of the past five years up to and including 2005?

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REPLY:

In replying to this question, I need to make the following comments in order to clarify the current status of the schools referred to in the question.

(1) Ennerdale Christian Academy (GDE) was erroneously listed as a public school. It was, in fact, an independent school registered with the Gauteng Education Department. It has since been de-registered. I do not have any information in regard to this school.

(2) Learners at Sizathina Secondary School (KZN) wrote their first matric in 2005 and had their results withheld on suspicion of irregularities. The final result was a 100% pass for this school. Therefore, it falls outside the scope of the question.

(3) Learners at Inyonemhlophe Secondary School (KZN) also had their results withheld on suspicion of irregularities. Their final result was a 57% pass. This school therefore also falls outside the scope of the question.

(4) While Goodwood College in the Western Cape is captured on our database as a school with a zero pass rate, this rate does not accurately reflect its performance. In the calculation of school pass rates only candidates with six subjects or more are included. This school enrolled 84 learners in 2005 but not one registered for six subjects. This is because the school also offers N1 and N2 courses and students would therefore not complete all the school subjects in one year. Pass rates for the individual subjects are consistently high. Pass rates for school subjects are combined with those on the N courses and a separate certificate is issued, and is not reflected in ordinary Grade 12 results for the province. This school has therefore also been removed from the list of schools with a zero % pass rate.

Zero pass rate for the past five years

School	Province	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005
Engelsdraai Combined	Mpumalanga	*	*	*	*	1:29
Jiba Secondary	Eastern Cape	1:22	1:21.67	1:22	1:22	1:27.5
Joko	KZN	*	*	*	*	1:31
Lourdes	KZN					
Mogalatshane-Mphahlele	Limpopo	*	*	*	*	1:20
Ntibane Secondary	Eastern Cape	*	*	*	*	1:13
Sinqobile	KZN	*	*	*	*	1:23
Sotinini	Eastern Cape	*	*	1:26	1:28	1:29
Thokozwayo	KZN	1:31	1:30	1:37	1:31	1:27

NB: * means the school did not offer matric in the relevant year(s)